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Our mission:

**Bring people to
Christ.**

**Teach Christians
to be disciples.**

**Send disciples to
reach the world.**



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Message from Pastor Tim

My dear family of Cross Lutheran Church,

It's hard to believe that Lent is here and Holy Week is just around the corner. Where has the time gone? Do you find yourself trying to just keep one step ahead of the "game?" Do you find yourself being pulled in four different directions at the same time? Do you find yourself saying at the end of the day 'there just isn't enough time in the day to accomplish everything!?' Do you find that tomorrows schedule is worse than what you went through today?

When all of that happens and you are just at the end of your rope and feel like everything is out of control, ask yourself these questions; whose demands are creating my schedule e.g. kids, work, friends, relatives, spouse, etc? Is there enough time in my day to meet all of those demands? Am I accomplishing all of my personal demands in my life; e.g. quiet time, cooking, working out, enjoying my hobby, etc? Am I trying to be the super person and please everyone and the demands they put on

me? I have a hard time saying no. Is the schedule driven by someone else's schedule and does that have a priority over everything I do? I've got to get my life under control, but how?

NRS Luke 10: 38 Now as they went on their way, he [Jesus] entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

How do you get your life under control? Turn to the schedule

that Jesus Christ has for you. Set Jesus Christ's schedule as the one and only schedule you will follow. How is that done? Set Jesus Christ as number one in your life. Wake up in the morning and say thank you Jesus for the night of restful sleep. Reveal to me today the glory of your grace and may all that I do be for the glory of what you did for me on the cross.

Let the "demands" of Jesus Christ drive your schedule. When you do, there will come times when you will have to say no. There will come times when you will have to say 'it doesn't fit into my schedule.' There will come times when those who are making demands on you will become frustrated and, yes, even be angry with you because your priorities are what Jesus Christ wants you to do and not what they want you to do. You might find that you need to "change" those whom you associate with because they will continually want to control your schedule which drives

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Preparing for Worship at Cross



March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

1R – Ezekiel 33:7-20

P – Psalm 85

2R – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

G – Luke 13:1-9

Hymns: 316, 343, 469 Comm. 196, 212, 215

March 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent

1R – Isaiah 12:1-6

P – Psalm 32

2R – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

G – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Hymns: 779, 733, 734 Comm.

March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent

1R – Isaiah 43:16-21

P – Psalm 126

2R – Philippians 3:(4b-7) 8-14

G – Luke 20:9-20

Hymns: 97, 94, 92 Comm. 203, 214, 223

March 24 – Palm Sunday

1R – Deuteronomy 32:36-39

P – Psalm 31:9-16

2R – Philippians 2:5-11

G – Luke 22:39 – 23:56

Hymns: 115, 117, 126 Comm. 699, 701, 709

March 28 – Maundy Thursday

1R – Jeremiah 31:31-34

P – Psalm 116:12-19

2R – Hebrews 10:15-25

G – Luke 22:7-20

March 29 – Good Friday

1R – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

P – Psalm 22

2R – Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

G – John 18:1 – 19:42

March 31 – Easter Sunday

1R – Isaiah 65:17-25

P – Psalm 16

2R – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

G – Luke 24:1-12

Hymns: 128, 145, 131 Comm. 135, 210, 197, 133

Special Dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 1*
- Third Sunday in Lent, *March 3*
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 10*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 10*

- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 10*
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, *March 17*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20*
- Palm Sunday, *March 24*
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, *March 28*
- Good Friday, *March 29*
- Holy Saturday, *March 30*

- Easter Sunday, *March 31*

Coffee Fellowship Hour

March 3 – Mission / Outreach

March 10 – Plant Fund

March 17 – Ministry of Education

March 24 –

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you away from Jesus Christ.

Don't fall into the trap of being constantly on the go. Many, many things people do in My Name, [Jesus Christ] have no value in My kingdom. To avoid doing meaningless works, stay in continual communication with Me [Jesus Christ]. ^{NRS}

Psalm 32: ⁸ *I [Jesus Christ] will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;*

I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ("Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace In His Presence by Sarah Young)

During this Lenten season, look at what drives your schedules. Try taking on the schedule of Jesus Christ. This will bring you into a closer and deeper relationship with him. You will also find that elusive peace you long for on a daily basis. You will discover that you will have extra minutes in the day that you won't know what to do with. You will al-

ways accomplish everything because Jesus Christ has given you the gifts to do all that and it's done on his time schedule and not yours. You will find that the stress in your life will be reduced dramatically because you are doing his work and not yours.

Become a "Mary" and put Jesus Christ in your heart and let him drive your schedule.

God's speed

Pr Tim

In Memory



These gifts were received to the glory of God in memory or honor of the following people:

In memory of Tom Mohr, for Cross Building Fund:

Nancy Schuette and family
Wallace and Marion Hart
Harold and Shirley Deering
Elsie Trowbridge
Cordelia Trost
Jan Stusay

In memory of Tom Mohr, for Cross Lutheran School:

Delores Lange

In memory of Tom Mohr, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Mike and Mary Otto
Lydia Decker
Ruth Hamilton
Troy and Shelly Gunden
Barbara Buchholz
Jane and Trevor Lewis

In memory of Marvin "Red" Siewert for Kids Against Hunger:

Nancy Schuette and family

In memory of Ruth Milton, for Cross Building Fund:

Gloria Anderson
Myrna Born

In memory of Ruth Milton for Cross Lutheran Church:

Elizabeth and Wallace
Scott

In memory of Ruth Mohr, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Char Anderson

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Cemetery Fund:

Ron and Cheri Diebel
Bruce and Marilyn
Baur

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Building Fund:

Cordelia Trost
Edwin Licht
Ron and Bonnie
Schulz
Paul and Karen
Schuette
Larry and Gina Smith
Dennis and Carol
Diener
Richard and Peggy
Koehler
Ray and Elaine Buchholz
Harold and Shirley
Deering
Vivian Buschlen

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran School:

Ray and Elaine Licht
Janet and Jim Schumacher
Nancy Schuette and family
Elsie Trowbridge
Clarence and Inez
Buchholz and family
Tom and Bernice Shupe
Glenn and Elaine Waterworth
Randy and Cynthia
Buchholz
Richard and Lillian
Koehler
Nadene Barbret
Roberta Danks
Aolia Buchholz
Jim and Susan Licht
JL and KW Stirrett
Ted and Peg Leipprandt
Ron and Barbara

Tedrow
Deny and Leanne Smith
Dale Baur

In memory of Bill Buchholz, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Dorothy Henne
Olga Renn
Lydia Decker
Randy and Cheryl Sturm
Barb Buchholz
Margaret Buchholz

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Building Fund:

Cordelia Trost
Edwin Licht
Paul and Karen Schuette
Ron and Bonnie Schulz
Bruce and Marilyn Baur
Delores Lange
Dennis and Carol Diener
Elna Mae Kanyak
Richard and Peggy Koehler

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran Church:

Ray and Elaine Licht
Olga Renn
Karl and Marilyn Desimpelar
Shirley and Jim Dutcher
Edna Lutz
Joan Vacik
Paul Leithart
Ann Kennedy

In memory of Hulda Baur, for Cross Lutheran School:

Richard and Lillian Koehler
Nadene Barbret
Albert Shulze
Ervin Schuette, Jr.
Roberta Danks
Dr. and Mrs. Loy Awkerman
Helen and Ron Greene

In memory of Joyce Smith, for Cross Building Fund:

Ron and Bonnie Schulz

Celebrate



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Robin Buschlen
- 3 Al Licht
- 4 Mark Fritz
Larry Smith
- 5 Bonnie Schulz
- 6 Joshua Barry
Peggy Licht
Kevin Ohlrogge
- 7 Leanne Schuette
Aaron Smith
- 8 Ben Smith
Chad Sturm
- 9 Eleanor Schadd
- 11 Loranzie Deer
Jim Pionk
Alexis Schuette
- 12 Henry Lange Jr.
- 13 Brian Edler
Josh Heck
Joshua Kunisch
- 14 Ray Licht
Charles Schuette
- 16 Lindsay Hutchinson
- 17 June Sturm
- 18 Carrie Mancini
- 22 Alissa Peterson
- 23 Tressa Schulze
- 24 Gary Schulz
Emily Sturm
- 25 Emalee Fritz
Wesley Trowbridge
- 26 Terry Collison
Greg Prill
- 27 Nicholas Trost
- 28 Lonnie Schulz
- 29 Hannah Harder
Martin Knost
Jim Licht
- 30 Jeff Buchholz
Roberta Danks
Olga Renn
Kobain Smith

Anniversaries

- 10 Greg & Aileen Prill, 6 years
- 12 Mike & Mary Otto, 30 years
- 13 Fred & Lois Chisholm, 60 years
- 24 Larry & Barb Degg, 34 years
- 30 Hazen & Arlene Fritz, 39 years

Cross Lutheran Church Women

The **Afternoon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilting Day will be Wednesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Women of Faith Study

The topic for March is "Mixed Up Emotions." All women are invited to attend Saturday, March 23 from 10:30 to noon.

Remember our Shut-ins:
Edna Schulz, George Mohr, Fred & Lois Chisholm, Dorothy Hafner, Barb Ruff, Harold Deering, Dick Koehler Sr., Donald Schuette, Fred Edler, Thelma Warner, Gloria Lewis.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Ezra Sturm, Blaine Renn, 2nd grader with non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Terry Muntz, friend of John and Linda Shope, Leola Engelhardt, mother of Doralee Schulz, Deb Lange, Eric Herzog, Harold Deering, Kay Schuette, Todd Lay, Don Rogers, son of Don and Sally Rogers, Nadene Barbret, Eric

Choirs

- Monday, Mar. 4—Bells at 6:30 p.m. and Choral at 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 18—Bells at 6:30 p.m. and Choral at 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 25—Bells at 6:30 p.m. and Choral at 7:30 p.m.

Moms in Prayer

- Monday, Mar. 4 at 8:35 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 11 at 8:35 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 18 at 8:35 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 25 at 8:35 p.m.

Confirmation Classes

- Sunday, March 3 from 5—6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 17 from 5—6:30 p.m.

Swartzendruber, Helen Decker, Mindy Sutherland, Betty Schulze, Roger Fritz, Mike Trost, Sharon Dietzel, Eunice Richmond, Dorothy Hafner, Dennis Diener, George Mohr, Loren Elftman.

In the Service of Our Country:

- Justine Armstrong (niece of Rachel & Ron Higgins) is serving with the Air Force in Afghanistan. Please pray for Justine's safety and her 2 year old daughter, Riley, as they are separated.
- Nathan Schulz, grandson of Ron and Bonnie Schulz has graduated from Marine boot camp and is awaiting orders

School News

March School Calendar



6	Chapel 12:45 p.m.
7	CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.
9	Spelling Bee at Cross beginning at 9 a.m.
13	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
20	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
21	Music Palooza 7 p.m.
27	Chapel 8:10 a.m.
29	No School

FROM THE DESK OF ... DEB MUSOLFF

reading well is the key to success in all subject areas. Students who do not learn to read by the end of second grade will need intervention in the intermediate grades and are likely to

struggle with reading throughout their lives. As a parent you should want the very best early education for your children.

Our school uses a reading program called Superkids. Superkids, a comprehensive reading and language arts program designed just for kindergarten, first, and second grades, was created by Pleasant Rowland, founder of the Rowland Reading Foundation. The goal of the Superkids Reading Program is to produce skillful, confident readers and writers.

The foundation for building SUPER readers happens before a child even attends school. Listed here are some important tips for parents to help pre-school aged children and to continue with your children when they reach school

age:

- Talk often to your child to build listening and speaking skills, and to develop vocabulary.
 - Play alphabet and word game and for young children sing songs and say nursery rhymes.
 - Read to your child often and talk to him about words and ideas in books. For a young child point out the book's features. Such as the front and back, the title, author's name, where to begin reading, and picture details.
 - Listen to your child read.
- Encourage your child to write.

For a more detailed list of how to help, look on the table by the office for "Building A Super Reader" Tips for Parents.

Attention Men! Save the Date!!

Saturday, April 27
2—4 p.m.

A WORKSHOP ON RELATIONSHIPS will be presented by Dr. Sherry Baker Psy.D., LPC and her intern, Terri Martinez here at Cross.

This is the second half of this workshop. If you missed the first half, don't be concerned. The second half is complete in itself and includes a review of the first half.

This will be Dr. Sherry's fifth time here at Cross, and she would especially like to invite men to join in

this workshop. Dr. Baker is a Christian Counselor from Bay City and offers counseling to men, women and teens.

This workshop offers valuable information on relationships with your family, spouse, friends, co-workers, fellow church members, and others.

Watch for more information in the April newsletter or call the church office 453-3330.

THIS WORKSHOP WILL ENCOURAGE YOU AND GIVE YOU HOPE!

March Time & Talents

Date & Time	Assisting Minister	Reader	Children's Time	Comm. Assist.	Ushers for the Month	Altar Guild	Acolyte
Mar. 3 9:30 a.m.	Karen Schuette	Laura Trost	Gwynne Barry	Gwynne Barry	Geroge Gardy Neil Herford	Carol Diener	Nicholas Swanson
Mar. 10 9:30 a.m.	Paul Schuette	Alissa Peterson	Caite and Emily House	Carole Mead	Denny Smith Daniel Smith	Marilyn Baur	Greta Elston
Mar. 17 9:30 a.m.	Leanne Smith	Gwynne Barry	Ray Licht	Norm Nelson	Larry Smith Craig Smith John Trowbridge	Laura Trost	Jordan Trost
Mar. 24 9:30 a.m.	Phil Schadd	June Sturm	Peggy Koehler	John Trowbridge		Carol Diener	Kirsten Shupe
Mar. 28 7 p.m.	Gwynne Barry	Peg McCrimmon		Paul Schuette		Peg McCrimmon	Johnathon Higgins
Mar. 29 7 p.m.							Austin Roestel
Mar. 31	Peggy Koehler	Paul Schuette	Karen Schuette	Phil Schadd		Marilyn Baur	Kendal Delpiere

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE CONTACT A SUBSTITUTE. If unable to find anyone, please contact me at (989) 453-2744. Thanks and God's Blessings to you! Karen Schuette

USHERS PLEASE NOTE: Unlock doors, turn on lights, and sound system, then lock and turn off lights, etc. to close up the church. THANKS!

Fish Fry

Friday, March 8 from 5—7:30 p.m.

Menu includes: All You Can Eat Fish, Fries, Beans, Baked Potatoes, Roll, Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverage.

Adults \$9; kids 5—12 \$5 and kids age 5 and under are Free

Take outs are available! Proceeds support our Youth!

Church Council Minutes



MINUTES

January 8

CALL TO ORDER: The monthly meeting of the Cross Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President, Richard Koehler, at 7:03 p.m., on the above date. Members present were Pastor Timothy Loehrke, Karen Schuette, Paul Schuette, Nancy Heck, Tom Shupe, Aileen Prill, John Smith, Lori Smith, Gretchen Roestel, Neil Herford and Krisie Fritz. Pastor Loehrke opened the meeting with with prayer.

MINUTES: The previous Council Minutes dated December 11, 2012, were reviewed by all present. A motion was made by Tom Shupe to approve the minutes as presented, Aileen Prill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA: Agenda for the evening was presented to all present. Pastor asked to amended the Agenda to add under New Business - #2 - Outreach Mission. Motion was made by Nancy Heck to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS/REQUESTS: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all present by

Nancy Heck. Nancy Heck reported that the General Fund had income of \$42,914.48 for the month of December, and expenses of \$31,306.65. The General Fund balance segment-ed, includes Leaf Fund \$413.59, Capital Improvement Fund 8,475.14, Organ Repair Fund \$7,300.00, General Operating Fund has a Fund Balance of \$6,021.05 and the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has a balance of \$11,500.00. Tom Shupe made a Motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Krisie Fritz. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: Paul Schuette provided his report to all present. His report covered the period of 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2012, and it showed Total Contributions for the General Fund were \$279,027.39, which is \$17,543.61 under budget.

COMMUNICATIONS: Cards were received from Deb Musolff and Grandma Jean thanking Cross Lutheran for the Christmas gifts they received.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Loehrke's written report was provided to all. Highlights of his report were as follows:

Pastor performed the following pastoral acts during the month of December: 1 funeral, 0 baptisms, 6 teachings, 19 communions, 2 hospital visits, 16 home visits, 8 meetings and 10 services.

Graveside Service at Caseville Cemetery on December 13, 2012 - James Sweden.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

Saturday, January 12, 2013 - Thumb Distribution

Saturday, January 19, 2013 - Dr. Sherry Baker workshop

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - Ash Wednesday

Every Wed. in Lent, potluck dinner @ 6:00 p.m., service @ 7:00 p.m. w/drama series

Every Sunday in Lent, vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 15 2013 - Fish Fry

Saturday, March 16, 2013 - Christian Parenting Day

Sunday, March 24, 2013 - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28, 2013 - Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29, 2013 - Good Friday

Prayer Vigil starts after Good Friday service and ends at noon on Saturday.

Sunday, March 31, 2013 - Easter Sunrise service at Cross Cemetery @ 7:00 a.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

All shut-ins were visited and given communion before Christmas.

Christmas Concert with choir and bells was great. Very good attendance from the community.

Christmas Caroling was great. The carolers made nine stops and presented cookies.

Christmas Eve Program went very well with a large attendance.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were moderately attended.

Thank you for the time off between Christmas and New Year to visit family in Ohio.

Made presentation at Men's

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breakfast, Wednesday, January 2, 2013, showed the video of Cross School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Friday, January 11, 2013, ½ day of school with busing.

Saturday/Sunday – January 12 & 13, 2013, Cross Basketball Tournament.

Friday, January 18, 2013, ½ day of school w/busing.

Monday, January 21, 2013, no school, Laker PD

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, Krispy Kream fund raiser starts, ends with delivery on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 (Fat Tuesday)

Friday, January 25, 2013 – CEA is planning a movie night.

Monday – Friday, January 28, 2013 – February 1, 2013, Lutheran School Week.

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, Apple Mountain Ski Trip

February 18 – 22, 2013, Winter Break

PRINCIPALS'S REPORT:

Christmas Fair went very well. Students bought gifts for family members. CEA profited \$337.00.

Cross Basketball Tournament, Saturday and Sunday – January 12 & 13, 2013. First game on Saturday starts @ 9:00 a.m. and first game on Sunday starts @ 1:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

John Smith was present and reported the following:

Krispy Kream Sales and Beef Pepper Stick Sales are currently being sold by CEA.

Basketball season has started.

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY: Neil Herford was present, and had nothing to report at this time.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Karen Schuette was present and provided minutes to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

Advent/Christmas Concert – 159 people attended, and the offering totaled \$452.00.

Beth discovered a new source of music for the church year – we will begin using this source for the Epiphany.

Pastor would like to have the Psalms chanted during Lent.

Will have a Lenten devotional booklet for 5 Sundays in Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP: Tom Shupe was present and he reported that his ministry did not meet in December; therefore, he had nothing to report at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2013.

MINISTRY OF YOUTH: Pastor advised that sign up for camp needs to be done by January 15, 2013 and \$50.00 is due per child.

MINISTRY OF OUTREACH: Lori Smith was present for the meeting and provided her oral report to all present. Highlights were as follows:

Sent cookies, cards and ornaments to our shut-ins, and others were just sent a card due to distance.

Scrip card profit increased in the month of December due to selling gift cards that Aileen had in

stock on hand. December profit was approximately \$1,000.00.

Shoe boxes – Lori received word that 2 of the shoe boxes went to Kenya and Columbia.

Scheduled Mom to Mom Sale for Saturday – April 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: Gretchen Roestel was present and advised that her ministry did not meet in the month of December. She also commented that the Christmas Program turned out great.

MINISTRY OF PARISH LIFE: Aileen Prill provided her written report to all present. Highlights of her report were as follows:

New Year's Eve family get together event turned out nicely, everyone had a good time.

Dr. Sherry Baker will return for Workshop on Relationships on January 19, 2013.

Paper Shower will be held on April 21, 2013.

Working on putting together another Loon's Game Family night scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2013.

New Coffee Hour Schedule is up for next year. Please schedule your Ministry Groups.

OLD BUSINESS:

Light replacement in gym has been completed, and the floors also received a face lift.

Rain Gutter over entrance door by office has been completed by Neil Herford.

NEW BUSINESS:

Safety/Security of School/Church/Students – Pastor and teachers addressed this issue recently and

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feel that they are doing all they can do to keep safety a number one concern for students and staff. It was also discussed if anyone hears something within the community – we need to prepare by passing information to Pastor and he will determine what if any precautionary measures need to be taken. In case of fire, the fire alarm will sound, but someone still needs to call 911. School is doing fire, lockdown, and tornado drills as part of the Mans Program at this time. Lockdown has occurred for a number of years with 1 door left open by the office. With our school being connected with the church it is impossible to lock all doors. School has 1 panic button down by the Music Room.

Outreach mission regarding New/Past/Inactive Members – Pastor challenged Council to begin to address our dwindling memberships here at Cross. Council needs to put together a simple plan to succeed by reaching out to others by utilizing technology, etc... for communication and contacts. Council discussed and will start by receiving lists from Aileen Prill of our school families and from Paul Schuette regarding our inactive Church members. Council will keep this on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned and good things from around the room was shared by all present. The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Krisie S. Fritz, secretary

Pop Tabs

Cross School is collecting the tabs from the tops of soda and beer cans. Proceeds from these help to support Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to save and donate them, place them in the recycle box outside the church office.

Scrip Cards

\$200.73

Was earned during the month of January. The first Sunday of each month, cards will be available to purchase after the service at the Welcome Station.

Coming Up

- ◆ Christian Parenting Day will be Saturday, March 16 here at Cross.
- ◆ The School's Music Palooza will be held Thursday, March 21.
- ◆ Kids Against Hunger will be here at Cross on Thursday, April 11.
- ◆ Spring Variety Show will be Saturday, April 13 at 5 p.m.
- ◆ CEA Carnival will be Saturday, April 20.
- ◆ A Paper Shower will take place Sunday, April 21 to help stock our Coffee Hour Pantry.
- ◆ Mom 2 Mom Sale will be Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to Noon.
- ◆ Dr. Sherry Baker will present a workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 2—4 p.m.

Box Tops For Education

Is an easy opportunity for you to help support Cross Lutheran School! Look for the pink Box Tops Coupon on hundreds of products. Clip it from the package and place it the church office.

Thank You

Chuck and Barb thank all who gave of their time, prayers, and food donations for Dad's funeral. It was so very delicious and we are all grateful for your thoughtfulness. Our thank yous also to all who have visited, sent cards, prayed for, gave the Sacrament of Communion, as well as any consideration for Dad in these past years of illness. May all be blessed in your work to God's Glory.

The family of Bill Buchholz.

Easter Flowers

Please see the insert in the bulletin to place an order for Easter Flowers to adorn our altar on Easter Morning. The prices remain the same as last year.

Kids Against Hunger

We will be packing the meals again this year on Thursday, April 11 beginning about 2 p.m.

If you would like to help, please be here at that time. We hope to package 20,000 meals this year. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the meals, please use a pew envelope and mark it Kids Against Hunger.

Ministry News

Ministry of Education Minutes

January 17

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Gretchen Roestel. Members present were: Gretchen Roestel, Jean Sturm and Connie Eden. Guest present was Brenda Smith. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

LEAF FUND: Brenda Smith, the previous secretary/treasurer who has resigned from the Ministry, was present to turn in the LEAF Fund records. A new secretary/treasurer will be selected at the next meeting when more members are present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: It was decided that Gretchen will teach the last two Sundays of January and the first two Sundays of February. Connie will teach the last two Sundays of February and Jean will teach the month of March.

VBS: There was no business.

BAPTISMS/BABY BIBLES: There have been no recent baptisms.

OLD BUSINESS: Many thanks to June Sturm, the Sunday School staff, volunteers and students for an exceptional Children's Christmas Eve service! The group was small, but the message of Jesus' birth was loud and clear! Our children are not afraid to "Go Tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!"

NEW BUSINESS: We signed up

for coffee hours on February 17, March 17 and June 23.

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be on February 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Eden

Mission / Outreach Ministry Minutes

Jan. 22

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Lori Smith opened the meeting by sharing some examples of stewardship and outreach to others, reminding us that when God gives us a nudge we should act and not put it off. Members present were Lori Smith, Rose Ann Budnick, Bonnie Schulz, Kay Schuette, Rachel Messing, Lor Ann Jarvis, Krisie Fritz, Pastor Tim and Connie Eden. Guest was Sue Loehrke.

Representing Parish Life, Sue told the group that the choir is planning a Variety Show on April 13, 2013 with a country/western theme. They are looking for help from some of the ministries. Parish Life is willing to plan the meal and asked Mission/Outreach to take care of the decorating. We agreed to work with them.

The minutes of the Nov. 2 meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report was given. There is currently \$845.98 in the checking account.

OLD BUSINESS

Food Pantry: It was noted that

Cooperative Elevator Co. donated 3 cases of beans to our Harvest Gathering for the food pantry. We will send them a note of thanks for this donation.

Scrip Cards: Profits for the month of December totaled \$1,119.16. Having the cards available for sale on Sunday mornings was a success, and we thank Aileen Prill for her willingness to work with us on that. Discussion was held as to whether we could continue this, maybe once a month. Pastor suggested that we talk to Aileen about this.

Welcome Station – Discussion was held about finishing up our welcome station. We need better brochure holders and a welcome sign. Connie Eden and Rachel Messing volunteered to take care of these two things. Lori will ask Pastor Tim to announce that we invite our guests to stop by the welcome station to sign the guest book and receive a welcome gift. Roseanne Budnick brought a sample of a guest card that she and her husband received from a church they visited. We have a sample pew card that Connie Eden brought back from the church where the NALC Convocation was held. We will use these as examples in the preparation of a card for our pews.

Operation Christmas Child – LouAnn Jarvis suggested that we should do a press release about where some of our shoeboxes went this year. She suggested that we should send a picture along with the release.

Giving Tree – The Giving Tree project was a success again this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mom 2 Mom Sale – The sale is

Ministry News Continued

scheduled for April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Rachel will make posters and a contract for renting tables. We will sell more rectangle tables this year. We need to count and see how many we have throughout the church and school.

Signs for Church/School – This project will be postponed until a later date.

Card Ministry – Discussion was held as to how we can reach out to our inactive members. It was decided that we would send birthday cards to them.

Funeral Dinners – At our September 25, 2012 meeting we had decided to pay for (the meat) for funeral dinners. In order to clear up any misunderstanding, this has been amended to (ham and potatoes.)

Coffee Hours – Mission/Outreach will host the coffee hours on March 13 and Sept. 15. They will also sponsor coffee hours for Operation Christmas Child on Oct. 27 and Nov. 24.

Scrip Schedule for the rest of January and February was assigned. Out next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted,

Connie Eden

Ministry of Worship and Music

Feb. 1

Members present: Beth Elston, Peg McCrimmon, Pastor Tim, Karen Schuette.

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor.

MUSIC – BETH

We need to notify the assisting ministers of the liturgy change for Lent – Setting 1 LBW.

Decided to renew Association of Lutheran Musician membership for both Beth and Pastor. Fee should be about \$140.

Beth has experienced difficulty using church credit card which is in Aileen's name. With more and more companies doing business online and requiring the use of a credit card for orders, Beth would like to be able to use a card somehow. Pastor will check.

\$50 from the concert will be moved to the Pew Bible fund. The rest of the money (about \$400) will be used to purchase music.

Variety Show – Parish Life and Mission / Outreach will do the meal and hall decoration. Saturday April 13 was set for program. We need to find someone who plays guitar. We also need a photographer, possibly Carol Diener. Peg had talked to Wendy Zick, the band director to see if they would be willing to play. Karen will follow up. Karen will also contact Bill and Muriel Hurdlebrink to see if they would share their square dancing expertise for the show. Karen and Beth will meet to plan the program.

WORSHIP – PASTOR

Wednesday Night Lenten Dramas – Karen will choose 5 monologues from new source and ask people to read them. We will use the black curtain in the chancel again this year.

Dates for special services –

Maundy Thursday 7 p.m.; Good Friday 7 p.m.; Easter Vigil Friday night until Saturday noon. Easter Sunrise 7 a.m.; Easter 9:30 a.m.

Karen will contact decorating committee to order palms.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Ministry – Will begin by inviting all children and youth to greet members after church on Feb. 10. Announcement will be made on Feb. 3.

Lenten Devotional – Contributors will email their writings to Jacque Finneren and she will compile and type the booklet. Aileen and Karen will finish.

NEW BUSINESS

Need to brainstorm how to "store" pew Bibles when in place so that the pews still look neat on Sundays and in between.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Stewardship Ministry Minutes

Jan. 22

The following members were present: Tom Shupe, Chairman; Paul Schuette, Financial Secretary, June Sturm, Benevolence Treasurer; Nancy Heck, Treasurer; Ray Licht; Richard Koehler; Kyle Yackle; and Pastor Tim Loehrke. Prayer was led by Ray Licht.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed by everyone present. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray Licht and 2nd by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

Ministry News Continued

Benevolence was reviewed from November through January. Benevolence has done very well in the past month. Total disbursements totaled to \$5,127.31. June Sturm made a motion to add another NALC Support envelope for 2014. Discussion was held on the need to support the NALC. Currently there are five envelopes for NALC, but there is a gap between May through October. The new envelope would be inserted somewhere in the summer. Motion was seconded by Nancy Heck. Motion carried.

Building Fund – Donations have been very good to date. There is a good positive balance in the check book for the building fund.

Financial Secretary Report – The general fund is behind the Budgeted goal this last month.

New Business

Discussion held on having a guest speaker come and talk to the congregation from the Huron County Homeless Coalition. Dick Koehler said he would talk to the person in charge to setup a Sunday to come in. A free will donation would take place after that church service for the Homeless Coalition.

Discussion was also held on making a Capital Improvement Plan for Cross Church and school. The plan would categorize the improvement needed in the Church, school, parish, and grounds. The plan would then prioritize the improvements needed against financial goals and needs through the church. This capital improvement plan,

once drawn up, would be looked at after by the stewardship ministry. Categories were listed as Property Goals, Financial Goals, Program Goals, and Growth of the Church.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:16 p.m.

The next meeting is Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Parish Life Ministry

Feb. 5

Meeting was opened at 5 p.m.

Members present: Aileen Prill, chairperson, Betty Champagne, Paul Schuette.

- March 23 is the next Women of Faith meeting from 10:30 to noon.

- Discussed the meal for the Spring Musical which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. We asked Lori Smith if we could attend their next meeting on Feb. 26 to go over plans, as the two groups will be working together on this.

- The Paper Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 21

Lenten Potluck meals will begin on Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. and continue on Wednesdays until Holy Week.

Next regular meeting Tuesday, March. 5 at 5 p.m.

Meeting ended at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Aileen Prill

Mom 2 Mom Sale

Saturday, April 27

9 a.m. to Noon

- Set up Friday from 6—8 p.m. and Saturday morning from 8—9 a.m.
- Tables will be sold on first come, first serve basis. We have a limited number of 8 ft tables at \$20 each. Once those are rented out, we will rent round tables for \$15 each.
- You are expected to act as your own security. The church and its volunteers are not responsible if items or money are stolen or damaged; or for your personal safety.
- You are responsible for pricing and tagging your items. Items should be clean, free of stains and odors.
- Table Renter's shopping time will be from 8—9 a.m. on the day of the sale.
- Strollers will be permitted at this sale.
- Concessions will be available
- No smoking is allowed.
- After the sale is over, leftover items may be donated to the Huron County Baby Pantry.
- Call Lori Smith, 453-3953 or email her at jsmith@avci.net

Ministers - The people of Cross

Officers, Ministries and Committees

Pastor

Tim Loehrke

Music Director

Beth Elston

Church Council

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John Smith, V P

Krisie Fritz, Secretary

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Karen Schuette, Worship & Music

Tom Shupe, Stewardship

Gretchen Roestel, Education

Pastor Tim, Youth

Aileen Prill, Parish Life

Lori Smith, Mission Outreach

Advisors

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Kyle Yackle

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Jean Sturm

Brenda Smith

Kim Fritz

Laura Trost

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John Shope

Linda Shope

Elizabeth Higgins, Youth Rep.

Alissa Peterson—LYO President

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Aileen Prill, Chair

Betty Champagne

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Paul Schuette

Pam Sturm, Alice Trost

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Suzie Swanson, Mike LePage

Kent McKenzie

Leanne Schuette

Connie Herford

John Schuette

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Betty Champagne, Roger Fritz,

John House, Ray Licht, Duane Peterson,

Kyle Yackle

Synod Assembly Rep

Mike & Connie Eden

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Handy Helper Ministry

Barb Buchholz 453-2127

Inez Buchholz 375-4165

Vivian Buschlen 453-2649

Patty Cucinello 453-3589

Roberta Danks 453-3760

Gerry Edler 678-0080

Dolores Elftman 453-2679

Pat Elston 453-2409

Carol Forster 375-2754

Vickie Forster 883-3875

Ava Gies 453-2193

Rachel Higgins 975-0668

Lou Ann Jarvis 453-2790

Lillian Koehler 453-2121

Peggy Koehler 453-2278

Elaine Licht 453-3744

Peggy Licht 453-3845

Carole Mead 856-7438

Carol Schadd 269-5150

Donna Schuette 375-4328

Karen Schuette 453-2744

Nancy Schuette 453-3969

Ruth Schuette 453-3885

Bonnie Schulz 453-3116

Erica Sturm 453-3830

Alice Trost 453-2279

Laura Trost 453-3209

Brigid Trowbridge 453-3990

Sheila Yackle 453-2589

**Please let the office know
if you wish to be added
to the Handy Helper List.**

<u>COMBINED GENERAL AND OTHER FUNDS:</u>		DECEMBER	2012	
BALANCE ON HAND 12/1/2012				22,101.95
INCOME:				
CHURCH/SCHOOL INCOME/ALL SOURCES		36,565.48		
SCHOOL REGISTRATION				
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		-		
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		6,349.00		
CEA - DONATIONS FOR CURRICULUM		-		
ENDOWMENT FUND-Transfer of funds		-		
LEAF		-		
FLOW THROUGH ACCOUNT		-		
BEQUEST		-		
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>42,914.48</u>	42,914.48	
EXPENSES:				
LEAF - CONTINUING EDUCATIONS	344.00			
CHURCH AND SCHOOL EXPENSES	<u>30,962.65</u>			
	31,306.65		<u>(31,306.65)</u>	
NET INCOME			11,607.83	
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2012				33,709.78

GENERAL FUND SEGMENTED:	
LEAF FUND	413.59
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	8,475.14
ORGAN REPAIR FUND	7,300.00
GENERAL FUND	6,021.05
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND	<u>11,500.00</u>
TOTAL:	33,709.78

<p>Thank you for supporting the Lord's work Please continue to help as you are able</p>

Total balance in all funds \$33,709.78 - Total balance in General Fund - \$6,021.05 (positive balance)

<u>BUILDING FUND:</u>			
BALANCE ON HAND 12/1/2012			6,813.82
DONATIONS, PLEDGES & MEMORIALS*		26,833.26	
FUND RAISERS		-	
ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND		-	
THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS		-	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>26,833.26</u>	26,833.26

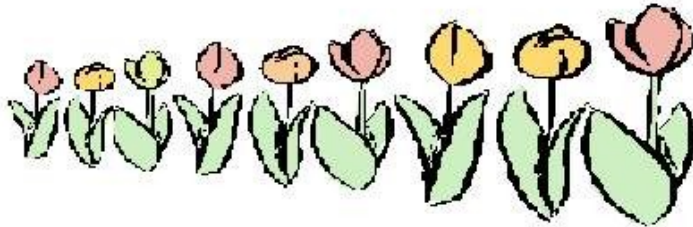
EXPENSES:			
OFFICE SUPPLIES			-
MONTHLY BANK LOAN PAYMENT			(3,000.00)
INTEREST ON PRIVATE NOTES			-
PRIVATE LOAN AND INTEREST REPAID			-
TOTAL EXPENSE			<u>23,833.26</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/12			<u>30,647.08</u>

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE BUILDING FUND-THE NEED FOR JANUARY IS \$4,875.00.
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GENERAL FUND	
BUDGETED NEED-YEAR TO DATE-ALL SOURCES	(368,056.00)
RECEIPTS - YEAR TO DATE - ALL SOURCES	<u>362,402.40</u>
	SHORT
	(5,653.60)
DEBT OWING 12/31/2012	
SCHOOL LOAN BALANCE - BPSB	16,820.45
PRIVATE LOANS	<u>250,000.00</u>
	266,820.45
OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	<u>266,820.45</u>
NEW OPERATIONAL LOAN	-
TOTAL LOANS	<u>266,820.45</u>

March 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



					1 Archery 3:30 - 5 p.m.	2
3 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	4 Archery 3:30 - 5 p.m. Choirs: B 6:30/C 7:30 p.m. MIP 8:35 p.m.	5 Afternoon Circle 1:30 p.m. Archery 3:30 - 5 p.m. Parish Life 5 p.m.	6 Chapel 12:45 p.m. Archery 3:30 - 5 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m.	7 Archery 3:30 - 5 p.m. CEA 4:45 p.m. School Board 5:30 p.m.	8 Fish Fry 5 - 7:30 p.m.	9 TALL Spelling Bee 9 a.m. - Noon
10 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	11 MIP 8:35 p.m.	12 Executive 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m.	13 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Quilting Day 1:30 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m.	14	15	16 Christian Parenting Day
17 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m. Confirmation 5 - 6:30 p.m.	18 Choirs: B 6:30 /C 7:30 p.m. MIP 8:35 p.m.	19 Pigeon Pastors 1 p.m.	20 Chapel 8:10 a.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m.	21 Music Palooza 7 p.m.	22	23 Women of Faith 10:30 a.m. - Noon
24 Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Vespers 7 p.m.	25 Choirs: B 6:30 /C 7:30 p.m. MIP 8:35 p.m.	26 Mission/Outreach 6:30 p.m. Stewardship 7 p.m.	27 Chapel 8:10 a.m.	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Comm. Service 7 p.m.	29 GOOD FRIDAY No School Service 7 p.m. Vigil begins after service	30 Vigil ends at Noon
31 Sunrise Service 7 a.m. Comm. Service 9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch 7:30 a.m.						

